

## THANKSGIVING DAY, 1954

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

November 6, 1954  
[No. 3077]

## A PROCLAMATION

Early in our history the Pilgrim fathers inaugurated the custom of dedicating one day at harvest time to rendering thanks to Almighty God for the bounties of the soil and for His mercies throughout the year. At this autumnal season tradition suggests and our hearts require that we follow that hallowed custom and bow in reverent thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us individually and as a Nation.

We are grateful that our beloved country, settled by those forebears in their quest for religious freedom, remains free and strong, and that each of us can worship God in his own way, according to the dictates of his conscience.

We are grateful for the innumerable daily manifestations of Divine goodness in affairs both public and private, for equal opportunities for all to labor and to serve, and for the continuance of those homely joys and satisfactions which enrich our lives.

With gratitude in our hearts for all our blessings, may we be ever mindful of the obligations inherent in our strength, and may we rededicate ourselves to unselfish striving for the common betterment of mankind.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, in consonance with the joint resolution of Congress approved December 26, 1941, designating the fourth Thursday of November of each year as Thanksgiving Day, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November 25, 1954, as a day of national thanksgiving, and I call upon all our citizens to observe the day with prayer. Let us demonstrate in our lives our humble thanks to God for His beneficence in the year which is past, and let us ask His guidance in the year to come.

Thanksgiving Day,  
1954.55 Stat. 862.  
5 USC 87b.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this sixth day of November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and  
[SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-ninth.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

JOHN FOSTER DULLES,  
*Secretary of State.*

## NATIONAL SALVATION ARMY WEEK

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

November 24, 1954  
[No. 3078]

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the high spiritual and humanitarian role of the Salvation Army has long been an important part of American life; and

WHEREAS, through its welfare and religious institutions in our country, the Salvation Army has befriended, aided, and given new hope to men, women, and children, regardless of race or creed; and

National Salvation  
Army Week, 1954.

WHEREAS the Congress, by a joint resolution approved August 31, 1954, 68 Stat. 997, has requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning November 28 as National Salvation Army Week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning November 28, 1954, and ending December 4, 1954, as National Salvation Army Week; and I urge all of our citizens to honor the Salvation Army during that week for its work in the United States in the past seventy-five years. Let us remember that the banner of this organization, and the principles for which it stands, are stalwart bulwarks for the protection of the spiritual and physical needs of our people, and let us salute this great body of unselfish men and women during Salvation Army Week, with the knowledge that they have earned our esteem and praise in the fullest measure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 24th day of November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and [SEAL] of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-ninth.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:

JOHN FOSTER DULLES,  
*Secretary of State.*

#### UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, 1954

December 3, 1954  
[No. 3079]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS December 10, 1954, marks the sixth anniversary of the proclaiming of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations as a common standard of achievement for all nations and all peoples, and is observed by the member states of the United Nations as Human Rights Day; and

WHEREAS December 15, 1954, marks the one hundred and sixty-third anniversary of the adoption of our Bill of Rights as the first ten Amendments of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS these same rights are secured to us in the Constitutions and basic laws of our States and Territories; and

WHEREAS an attachment to the noble principles of individual liberty and equal opportunity for all, as enunciated in these great documents, is the foundation of our democracy and a safeguard against dictatorship and tyranny:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the citizens of the United States to join with peoples throughout the world in observing December 10, 1954, as United Nations Human Rights Day, and on this day and on December 15, the anniversary of our Bill of Rights, as well as throughout the year, to give profound thanks to Almighty God for the rights the people of our Nation have so long enjoyed—freedom of speech and of the press; freedom to worship in accord with the dictates of conscience; fair trial and freedom from arbitrary arrest; the right to own property and to profit by the fruits of our labors. For these rights and freedoms men and women in

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man Rights Day,  
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